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SUBJECT: GROWING GOI CONCERN OVER PROBLEM OF BLACK HEBREWS

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1. WHEN WE INFORMED FONMIN (YARDEN) OCT 3 OF CONTENTS OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE REPLY RE REPATRIATION TO US OF BLACK HEBREWS WHO HAVE RENOUNCED US CITIZENSHIP (SEPTTEL), YARDEN VOICED PERSONAL OPINION THIS ISSUE WAS BECOMING PROBLEM IN US-ISRAELI RELATIONS. HE RECALLED HAVING INFORMED EMB OCTOBER 1 THAT INTERIOR MINISTRY WAS CONCERNED OVER EXPATRIATION SITUATION (REFTEL). IN FACT, INTERIOR MINISTRY WAS UP IN ARMS, HE SAID. FONMIN HAD BEEN ABLE PROVISIONALLY TO CLAIM INTERIOR MINISTRY BY ITS REQUEST FOR INFO ON US POSTURE TOWARD EX-CITIZENS BEING DEPORTED FROM FOREIGN COUNTRY TO US AND BY IMPLYING US WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO ADMIT EX-CITIZENS TO US.

2. YARDEN, STILL SPEAKING PERSONALLY, SAID INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS WERE GREATLY UPSET AT IDEA BLACK HEBREWS COULD GO TO AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV AND DIVEST THEMSELVES OF THEIR CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT. OFFICIALS' FEELING WAS (AND YARDEN SEEMED TO SHARE IT) THAT NO COUNTRY'S NATIONALS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO RENOUNCE CITIZENSHIP WHILE ABROAD, THUS BECOMING BURDEN ON COUNTRY WHERE THEY WERE LOCATED. YARDEN WONDERED

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HOW ISRAEL REALLY COULD GO ON IN GOOD FAITH ADMITTING TOURISTS

WHO PRESENT AMERICAN PASSPORTS.

3. YARDEN SAID HE BELIEVED THAT US, REGARDLESS OF LEGAL SITUATION, DID HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITY IN BLACK HEBREW PROBLEM, WHICH WAS POLITICAL DIFFICULTY FOR BOTH ISRAEL AND US. ONLY ANSWER IN YARDEN'S OPINION WAS FOR GOI AND USG TO DISCUSS MATTER AT "POLITICAL LEVEL" AND WORK OUT SOME SOLUTION.

4. COMMENT: IF YARDEN ACCURATELY REFLECTS SENTIMENT IN GOI ON THIS ISSUE, WE MAY BE APPROACHED EITHER HERE OR IN WASHINGTON BY GOI TO ATTEMPT WORK SOMETHING OUT ON "POLITICAL LEVEL." I INTERPRET THIS AS MEANING ISRAELI DESIRE THAT WE EITHER STOP ALLOWING BLACK HEBREWS TO RENOUNCE CITIZENSHIP OR AGREE TO LET GOI DEPORT STATELESS BLACK HEBREWS FOR US. I AM UNAWARE OF ANY FLEXIBILITY WE HAVE WHICH WOULD ALLOW US TO ACCOMMODATE TO ANY SUCH GOI REQUEST AND I DO NOT RPT NOT RECOMMEND IT.
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